

**Senate Study Bill 1131 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
STATE GOVERNMENT BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON DANIELSON)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to expenditures of moneys from the E911  
2 emergency communications fund.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 34A.7A, subsection 2, Code 2015, is  
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Ob.* (1) The program manager shall allocate  
4 to each joint E911 service board and to the department of  
5 public safety a minimum of one thousand dollars per calendar  
6 quarter for each public safety answering point within the  
7 service area of the department of public safety or joint E911  
8 service board that has submitted an annual written request to  
9 the program manager in a form approved by the program manager  
10 by May 15 of each year.

11 (2) The amount allocated under this paragraph "*Ob*" shall be  
12 eighty-three percent of the total amount of surcharge generated  
13 per calendar quarter allocated as follows:

14 (a) Sixty-five percent of the total dollars available for  
15 allocation shall be allocated in proportion to the square miles  
16 of the service area to the total square miles in this state.

17 (b) Thirty-five percent of the total dollars available for  
18 allocation shall be allocated in proportion to the wireless  
19 E911 calls taken at the public safety answering point in  
20 the service area to the total number of wireless E911 calls  
21 originating in this state.

22 (c) Notwithstanding subparagraph divisions (a) and (b), the  
23 minimum amount allocated to each joint E911 service board and  
24 to the department of public safety shall be no less than one  
25 thousand dollars for each public safety answering point within  
26 the service area of the department of public safety or joint  
27 E911 service board.

28 (3) The funds allocated in this paragraph "*Ob*" shall be  
29 used for communication equipment utilized for the receipt and  
30 disposition of 911 calls.

31 Sec. 2. Section 34A.7A, subsection 2, paragraph e, Code  
32 2015, is amended by striking the paragraph.

33 Sec. 3. Section 34A.7A, subsection 2, paragraph f, Code  
34 2015, is amended to read as follows:

35 *f.* If moneys remain in the fund after fully paying all

1 obligations under paragraphs "a", "ob", "b", "c", and "d", and  
2 "e", the remainder may be accumulated in the fund as a carryover  
3 operating surplus. This The program manager, in consultation  
4 with the E911 communications council, shall allocate an amount,  
5 not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars per fiscal year,  
6 for development of public awareness and educational programs  
7 related to the use of 911 by the public, educational programs  
8 for personnel responsible for the maintenance, operation,  
9 and upgrading of local E911 systems, and the expenses of  
10 members of the E911 communications council for travel,  
11 monthly meetings, and training. The remaining surplus shall  
12 be used to fund future network and public safety answering  
13 point improvements, including hardware and software for an  
14 internet protocol-enabled next generation network, and wireless  
15 carriers' transport costs related to wireless E911 services, if  
16 those costs are not otherwise recovered by wireless carriers  
17 through customer billing or other sources and approved by the  
18 program manager in consultation with the E911 communications  
19 council. Notwithstanding section 8.33, any moneys remaining  
20 in the fund at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to  
21 the general fund of the state but shall remain available for  
22 the purposes of the fund.

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EXPLANATION

24           The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
25           the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

26       This bill relates to the expenditure of moneys in the E911  
27 emergency communications fund. The bill reprioritizes the  
28 expenditures from the fund by moving the allocations to the  
29 joint E911 service board and to the department of public safety  
30 from fifth in the list of priority to second in the list of  
31 priority after the amount appropriated to the director of the  
32 department of homeland security and emergency management and  
33 program manager for implementation, support, and maintenance of  
34 the functions of the director and program manager. The bill  
35 also increases the percentage allocated from the total amount

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1 of surcharge generated per calendar quarter from 46 percent to  
2 83 percent. The bill also adds that from any surplus in the  
3 E911 emergency communications fund remaining after payment of  
4 the priorities, the E911 program manager, in consultation with  
5 the E911 communications council, shall allocate an amount not  
6 to exceed \$100,000 per fiscal year for development of public  
7 awareness and educational programs for the public, educational  
8 programs for personnel responsible for maintenance, operation,  
9 and upgrading of E911 systems, and for the expenses of members  
10 of the E911 communications council for travel, monthly  
11 meetings, and training.